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61st Allandale 4th of July Parade and Festivities

Heather Varela

Have you heard all the buzz about the Allandale 4th of July Parade and Festivities? We hope you were able to partake and that you left happy to be a part of a community with such an amazing tradition! How fun was DJ Joey MC'ing on the Gullett Elementary School blacktop? The face painters and balloon artists were hits! What about the foam pit? The only things we saw coming out of the foam were smiling faces! Who doesn't love a petting zoo? Did you score family pics at the photobooth? Interactive games galore! Hands down the best part of the entire morning, aside from the overcast sky, was seeing all of our Allandale friends lingering without any hurry, and enjoying each other's company!

The Social Committee couldn't have made it happen without its amazing and generous sponsors! Loving Pediatric Dentistry, Eldorado Cafe, Hat Creek Burger Company, Juice Real Estate Co., Fresh

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Doing Good in the Neighborhood

Marcia Kiger

A community garden is being planned at Northwest Recreation Center. The City of Austin has an award-winning program that is assisting in the creation of this garden, but we need your help. We need some experts if you know anyone, or are one yourself. They are: landscape waterline installer (for spigots), reasonably priced fencing contractors, and people to construct a triphasic compost bin. (We thought maybe a Scout leader might have some industrious Scouts who might want to do this with our materials.)

If you would like to participate in our plans, please contact Marcia Kiger, at

Yarborough Library renovations, Bookmobile option

As you likely know, our neighborhood library, the Yarborough Branch on Hancock Drive, closed March 1 for (as the library website says), "a comprehensive interior renovation, site accessibility improvements, landscaping upgrades and exterior repairs. The project is scheduled to take approximately 11 months."

An exciting option is now available: The Austin Public Library Bookmobile is coming to you! Check out books and

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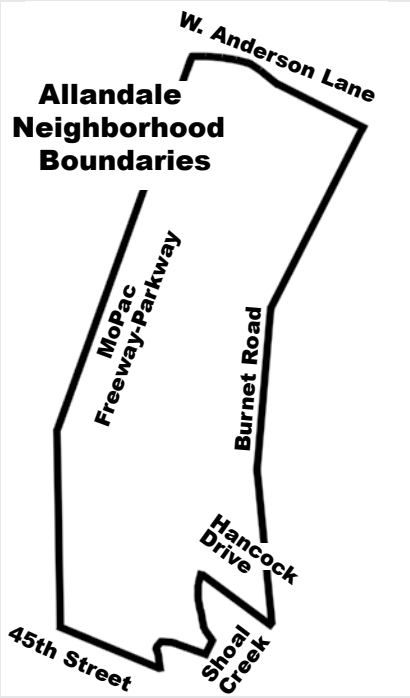

President's Letter

Kevin Smith, ANA President, (512) 791-6064, allandale.neighborhood@gmail.com

The summer has been busy for us here on the ANA Board. The newly formed ANA Social Committee (allandalesocial@gmail.com) did a fantastic job at the 2019 4th of July parade. I truly look forward to their upcoming planned events! (I will let them tell you themselves what is in store for the future). However, I would be truly remiss if I did also not highlight our hard-working treasurer, Erik. Over the past three years, he has selflessly driven the opening sequence of our 4th of July parade; his dedication is underspoken and truly praiseworthy!

In addition to the July 4th festivities, the past couple of months have seen the rapid progress on the citywide-backed Shoal Creek Boulevard mobility enhancements (complete with a surprise underpass at 2222), a redesign of the 2016 Mobility Bond funded Burnet Road Corridor Improvement Project, and the reintroduction of the Land Development Code (LDC) rewrite. There has been a lot happening to keep us all busy!

Regarding the land development code (LDC) rewrite, I would like to ask for help from our fellow neighbors. Leslie Pool, the District Seven Council Member (who represents the entirety of Allandale at City Council), is asking ANA to form a small committee of three to four concerned neighbors to help us understand the implications of this new code. CM Pool's office feels that having an architect on the committee would be beneficial. Based on neighborhood feedback (thanks to the awesome survey results!), in addition to an architect, I believe having a land-use developer and a resident of a condo/apartment/townhouse on this committee would add great depth to the conversation. Having a more robust and well-rounded skill set available during the process will enable the best outcome for our neighborhood. Please email our Land Use committee at allandale.neighborhood@gmail.com for more information.

Lastly, about those awesome, super soft (according to my wife) Allandale T-shirts that were sold at the 4th of July parade, we will have them available for sale, and pre-orders delivered at the October general membership meeting on October 2. I apologize for the delay in the delivery of the T-shirts, but this way, you get to continue to meet your fellow neighbors!

Looking forward to the respite in autumn weather,

Kevin ⌘

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July 25 NWACA Community Meeting: "Understanding Changes to COA Ordinances and Help for the Homeless"

Laura DiCarlo, ANA Safety Chair

Austin City Council passed three ordinances on June 20, decriminalizing

1. sitting and lying in public spaces
2. public camping
3. panhandling

By the printing of this newsletter, the August 8 council meeting will have occurred, in which Spencer Cronk is to suggest parameters. I'm sure most of you have read in newspapers, seen on the news, and had conversations about these changes. Tackling homelessness in Austin has been talked about for years, but the recent votes by city council have thrust the issue front and center.

I attended the July 25th Northwest Austin Civic Association community meeting at Westover Hills Church of Christ, in which pastors, police, CM Alison Alter's COC, representatives from organizations that serve people experiencing homelessness, the Greater Austin Crime Commission, AISD Trustee Kristin Ashy, and others spoke and then answered residents' questions. Lots of information was disseminated, and the takeaway was that the issue is multi-faceted, incredibly complicated, people who experience homelessness cannot all be lumped together when looking at why it has occurred and how to get them housed, and that the best way to help is to donate to designated charities rather than to give individuals money. The "save the change" campaign was mentioned – if you give to an organization that can make systemic change your money goes a lot further to help. Greg McCormick of Front Steps, Inc. which manages the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (the ARCH) noted that targeted housing is needed and that there is approximately a $30 million gap/year to solve homelessness. Not discussed as the meeting, but the Statesman reported on August 1 that the council will also vote August 8 on CM Kathie Tovo's proposal to create a local government corporation that could act as a city-affiliated nonprofit to receive private donations dedicated to homelessness.

I was struck by a couple of things Rev. Jared Slack of First Baptist Church said during the NWACA meeting. He noted that with just a little over 2,000 people experiencing homelessness in Austin that equates to roughly 20 people per 10,000 in our area. Those odds are amazingly hopeful he said, and we should be able to get many of these folks housed. He added that homelessness is the symptom, and the number-one reason for homelessness is loss of community and connection.

If you think this issue doesn't affect Allandale, think again; we have had homeless camps in our neighborhood, and the COA is hoping to have designated places in each district for people experiencing homelessness to seek refuge/support. I am looking into having a forum in Allandale, which will hopefully get scheduled before the distribution of this newsletter. I'd love to create an opportunity for residents to learn more and hopefully support actions the city may take. ⌘

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We'd love for readers to submit newsletter ideas, stories, and reactions to articles.

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Swimming Pool Replacement. Part 1: What does it mean for a pool to fail?

Steve Johnson

Before the city goes through the process to replace a pool, the pool must fail. The city won't replace a pool simply because it's old or because they think it might fail in the future.

What does that mean? Let's take some examples.

Govalle and Shipe pools are the most recent pool replacements, tentatively scheduled to reopen late this summer. Shipe, an 80-year-old pool and Govalle, at 60 years old, were both identified by the 2014 Aquatic Facilities Needs Assessment as critical pools, meaning there was a likelihood of the pool failing within five years. At that time, the Austin City Council awarded $3.1 million each to refurbish Shipe and Govalle pools. Indeed, Shipe and Govalle both failed in 2017 because of leakage. (For example, Shipe pool was leaking 34,000 gallons a day at the time it was closed.) Shipe also had an unsafe drain. The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, enacted in 2008, requires all swimming pool drains to be designed to prevent peo-

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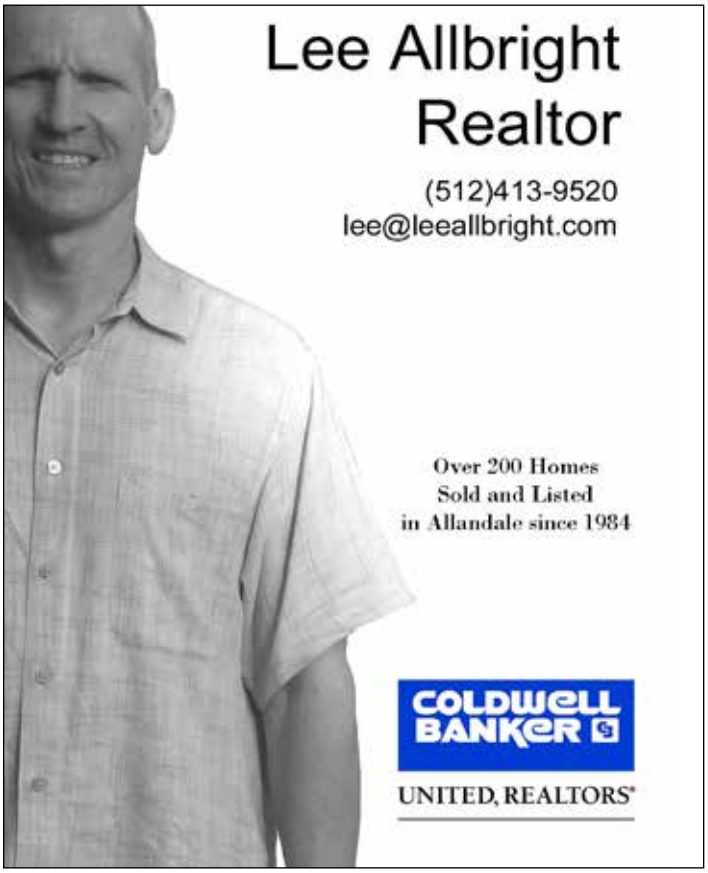

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ple from being trapped by its suction power.

As you recall, Northwest Municipal Pool was closed for part of the 2016 season to repair the pool drainage and deck at a cost of $350,000. In 2017, both Givens and Mabel Davis pools were closed because of leakage. This year, Reed Pool leaked about 27,000 gallons a day and was closed for repairs, reopening in late June, 2019.

Pools leak; it happens with age and other factors. Pool leakage is problematic because leaks also mean that pool chemicals, required to keep them safe and sanitary, leave the system. When that happens, the chemical balance in the pool is jeopardized, and the pool must be closed for safety reasons.

If the city can spend a "little" money (say, in the hundreds of thousands) and get another few years out of the pool, they'll hold off on spending the millions required to replace it. Chapter 6 of the Austin Aquatic Master Plan defines a sustainability measure that guides the department in determining when a pool should be considered for closure. When the operating threshold costs have been exceeded, the pool is considered for closure.

In the next issue, we'll talk about the process of replacing a pool.

Questions about this article? Send them to allandale.neighborhood@gmail.com ⌘

Allandale Outside: Protect Our Allandale Forest!

Faye L. Holland

Think about all the coolness and comfort your trees are providing right now on this hot summer day! Allandale has many beautiful trees, in our "urban forest." Gorgeous trees hanging over the street welcome me home every day.

I know that I need to take care of my trees and my part of the forest and get my big red oak trimmed. It has been five years since it has had attention and it lost a small branch this June, but I knew I needed to wait until the beginning of July to trim it to avoid the oak wilt infection. When I met with Austin McCoy of Tree Amigos to get an estimate, I already knew that I needed an arborist. He had lots of helpful information for us Allandale tree lovers. It is best to use an arborist when you have large mature trees, because you don't want to injure yourself or the tree. Austin says he gets that phone call more often than one would think from someone who has fallen from a tree or roof. Experienced arborists help keep trees healthy.

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What do healthy trees look like? When checking your trees, make sure that they have just one lead trunk, full looking branches, a fungus-free bark without large, water-logged knots. An arborist can correct many of these issues during the early stages of tree growth.

Surprisingly, it is best to plant the smallest size tree that you can. The larger, top-heavy trees might have encircled root systems from the small pots in which they were grown. This will make them more prone to tipping. Smaller trees also have a better cost benefit and are pretty fast growing. Another thing to look for is a root flare at the bottom of the trunk, near the ground. It is really detrimental to a tree's health to cover this root flare bark with dirt or mulch because it can cause the tree to rot.

If you are planting a new tree, McCoy advised, "Plant high and it won't die, plant low and it won't grow." When planting a tree with guide wires these should be disconnected after one year or loosened for the second year and then removed. Keeping these wires on too long can cause trunk damage and weak roots. Austin McCoy's favorite trees to plant in our area are the mMonterey oak, burr oak, live oak and Chinkapin oak. He also really likes the bald cypress, but it needs more water than the oaks.

Regardless of the type, trees need some summer watering in times of drought. If we go through a period of three weeks or more without significant rainfall, your tree will need to have some supplemental watering. Sprinkler systems won't help your tree because the water doesn't soak down far enough to the major root system. Instead, trees need to be watered for at least an hour, and a soaker hose is the best method.

If you notice that your tree has oak wilt, call an arborist soon because you might lose your tree. Oak wilt can spread at a rate of 75 to 200 feet per year. Treating a tree for oak wilt can run about $100 per tree, which is way less than removing the tree. It is best to leave treatment to professionals, because they have all the equipment, chemicals and the most effective treatment method to prevent further spread. There have been huge swaths of trees in 78704 and Circle C that have died in the past, so if you suspect oak wilt, you need to let your neighbors know, so they can treat their trees too. The best way to avoid oak wilt is to not prune any oak trees between January and June. Caring for your trees adds value to your home.

Come and help with Gussy Up Gullett on August 17, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. You will be amazed how bright and fresh we can get the grounds looking before school starts. We are also looking for regular volunteers to help with gardening around campus. If you are interested in helping, please contact Andrea Hinsdale at andrea.hinsdale@gmail.com. ⌘

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BUG OFF! Tawny Crazy Ants

Wizzie Brown

The tawny crazy ant, also known in Texas as the Rasberry crazy ant, was originally discovered by pest management professional Tom Rasberry (hence the name) in Harris County in 2002. Since then, the ants have been distributed to other parts of the state via people, plants, materials, and other things, and are currently confirmed in 40 Texas counties.

Distribution map of Texas counties with confirmed presence of tawny crazy ants (highlighted area).

Tawny crazy ants are about 1/8" long and orangish-brown in color. With a good hand lens or microscope, you can see 12 segmented antennae, one node, and a circle of hairs at the tip of the abdomen. These ants can be confused with other ants, so if you are unsure of what you have, check with your local Extension office.

Tawny crazy ants have a cyclical population level throughout the year with populations peaking in late summer, decreasing in the fall and then beginning to build again in the spring. Tawny crazy ants are capable of biting, but do NOT sting like fire ants. They are mostly nuisance pests, but can reach extraordinary population levels (in the millions) and can become a problem if they get into electrical equipment. Tawny crazy ants do not have nests or mounds like fire ants; they tend to nest under things -- rocks, landscape timbers, flowerpots, etc.

For more information on this particular ant species go to http://urbanentomology.tamu.edu/ants/rasberry.html

Treatment Options

- Removing harborage areas -- fallen limbs, rocks, leaf litter, etc. These ants will nest under pretty much anything on the ground, so you may want to remove anything that is not necessary.
- Alter moisture conditions (crazy ants prefer moist, humid conditions) -- reduce watering, repair any water leaks, and improve drainage
- Eliminate honeydew producers from area. Crazy ants tend honeydew producers such as aphids, whiteflies, hoppers, mealybugs and scale insects.
- Use pesticide sprays to treat infested areas -- under rocks, along landscape edging, etc. Pesticide sprays can also be used to create a barrier around the outside of the home. Piles of dead ants may build up in treated areas. If this occurs, remove dead ants to keep the pesticide barrier maintained.

Hire a pest management professional (PMP). PMPs have access to pesticides that are unavailable to homeowners for tawny crazy ant treatment, and they also have experience dealing with pest problems regularly.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com ⌘

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You are needed! Please contact ANA Nominating Committee Chair Diana Wheeler for details <diana_wheeler@sbcglobal.net>.

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Allandale Eating

Robert E. Mace, Dining from Daugherty

Pavement and griddles aren't the only things hot around here in August: food news is hot and hopping as well! DipDipDip, the latest from the Tatsu-Ya Twins, finally opened in late June on Burnet Road. and Greenlawn Parkway. I had hoped to review it for this issue, but reasonable reservations (earlier than 10 p.m. for us old folks) are only available a month out, so stay tuned for a review in the next issue.

A bit down the road (but not too far), Rosedale Kitchen & Bar replaced (the really good but short-lived [but possibly coming back downtown]) Guild at 3800 North Lamar. A neighborhood joint by the good folks at Swift's Attic, one of our fave non-neighborhood restaurants, the New American cuisine at Rosedale looks promising. The Violet Crown Clubhouse opened in the old pharmacy space at the Crestview Shopping Center offering ice cream, snow cones, games, and a rentable party space. The food trailer court at 5000 Burnet Road now has Ooga Booga Waffles (review this issue), Kombucha, Taco Sweets, and Dirty South. Hey Cupcake! vacated its flagship Burnet Road brick-n-mortar location, replaced by the newly opened Whoa BBQ.

Filed under "What Do We Need More: A New Mattress Store or New Chicken Joint?": Happy Chicks (chicken tenders with sides and alcohol) announced that they will move into the space vacated by El Chilito at 6425 Burnet Road. With Happy Chicks joining Lucy's Fried Chicken, Tumble 22, Flyrite Chicken, and Top Notch, perhaps we need to name that stretch Burnet Brooders, "Down" Town, Gizzard Grove, or Rooster Row. Moving from happy chicks to chix gone wild, Wild Chix & Waffles at Northcross Mall closed for a menu revamp and is reopening in December. A recent stroll around Anderson Mall also revealed that McAllister's Deli has shuttered. All Schlotzsky's, including ours on Anderson, are being renamed Schlotzsky's Austin Eatery. And Matt Odum reported a rumor that La Tazza Fresca, which just closed shop on Guadalupe, would reopen on Burnet. Pho Saigon is opening in the strip mall at 5222 Burnet Road.

A number of neighborhood faves earned kudos over the past couple of months: Austin Chronicle's Jesse Cape listed Eldorado Cafe as one of the top 10 restaurants in town, a list that included nearby Home Slice North Loop and Easy Tiger at the Linc. Austin Culturemap

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included Barlett's and Saffron (review this issue) in its list of "8 Under-the-Radar Restaurants to Visit This Summer." Eater Austin kudo'd the juice at Juiceland as one of "Austin's 16 Most Iconic Drinks" and Tumble 22 in its list of "Spicy Food in Austin: 10 Places to Light Your Mouth on Fire." Finally, I bequeath kudos upon Dos Batos for switching from styrofoam to compostable take-out boxes (be sure to try their new brisket and fish tacos).

And finally, in what will surely be the highlight of my literary career, I ate every taco at Tacodeli and wrote a haiku about each one: www.austinwanderlist.com/blog.

To see food review photographs, and additional ones, in color, please visit www.austinwanderlist.com/blog ⌘

More Allandale Eating - Quick Bites

Robert E. Mace, Dining from Daugherty

Saffron

The bride and I recently spent a week in New York City where, amidst hiking more than 150,000 steps (64 miles!), we visited a dozen of Manhattan Island's more than 26,000 (!!!) restaurants. With such an amazing collection of chow-slingers and an equally diverse population, the food scene in New York is truly global. While Austin doesn't remotely approach NYC for culinary diversity, we have our moments, including Saffron on Far West Boulevard.

Choila, a Nepali specialty, from Saffron (photo by Robert Mace)

Saffron primarily pitches itself as contemporary Indian cuisine ("INDIAN FUSION" yawps the sign out front), but the real draw for the culinary adventurer is the Nepali food sprinkled throughout the menu. My over-simplified assessment of Nepali cuisine is that, due to Nepal's position between Tibet and India, Nepal's food is a fusion of both neighbors. There are rice dishes, curries, lentils, chutnis, stir frys, and dumplings. However, Nepal brings its own game to the plate with a preference for pickles, mustard oil, and its own mix of spices (typically salt, ginger, garlic, timmur, fenugreek, turmeric, cumin, cilantro, asafoetida, and green chiles).

I can't say that I know boo about Nepali food, but one of my visits to Saffron was with a friend--let's call her Anne Jeanie--born and raised in eastern Nepal. As she perused the menu, Anne was pleasantly surprised to see choila (char-broiled chicken cubes tossed in raw spices with a hint of virgin mustard oil; $7) on the menu, a Nepali specialty. According to Anne, choila should be painfully spicy. While I found Saffron's choila gorgeous and delicious, it was as spicy as Heinz ketchup. While Anne was politely silent on the choila, she thought the momos, Tibetan-style street dumplings with Nepalese spices, were spot-on, steamed over stock and then pan fried on one side. "You're supposed to eat them whole," she gently prodded me after I forked one in two. We also tried a Nepali daily special: shrimp swimming in a sunburn-colored sauce. Anne noted that the native dish is made with freshwater prawns (locally unavailable, although the San Marcos River sports 12-inch specimens).

The food is good, but the service is a bit iffy in this stripmalled eatery. One evening my entrée arrived some 15 minutes after the bride's (fortunately, Saffron's food is served sharable [and the bride was in a sharing mood]), and, despite a long conversation with Anne about her Nepali roots and the menu, our waiter didn't inquire about accurately spicing our order, an option I noticed on a later visit. Nonetheless, if your stomach is feeling adventurous, Saffron is worth a moment (and a momo) of your time for a taste of the Himalayas and its aproned plains.

Saffron: 3616 Far West Boulevard #113, (512) 241-1732; www.saffronaustin.com

Brama

Brama means "gates" in several languages, an appropriate name for a restaurant that offers a gateway into "traditional and adapted" Eastern European cuisine. I appreciate that Brama describes their fare as "adapted." With a debate in food-writing circles over the use of the word "authentic," it's nice to see an establishment acknowledge that homeland cuisine is sometimes impossible to recreate on a different continent or, due to local preferences, impossible to successfully market.

Polish pierogi topped with Hungarian bacon and an egg served up at Brama (photo by Robert Mace)

When I think of Eastern European countries, I think of no-nonsense meat and potatoes, and the menu of Polish, Russian, Ukrainian, Hungarian, Slavokian, and German dishes reflects this mindset. At dinner time, Eastern Europeans are not about pomp, circumstance, and Instagram; they're about getting the job done. As a result, many of the dishes aren't particularly photogenic, but what they lack in good looks they more than make up in taste. As Mom always said, "It's what's on the inside that counts." For example, the Slavokian Halusky (soft potato spatzel [miniature dumplings],

garlic feta sauce, and brinza [sheep cheese]; $11 + caramelized onions $1) is a nondescript shallow bowl of brown that gloriously dances on the tongue with the richness and flavor of a good východná.

An egg-adorned plate of Polish Pierogi (large pan-fried or boiled vegetable dumplings with choice of filling [we tried fried with potato and fried onion]; starting at $12 + $2 egg + $2 Hungarian bacon bit) brought back pleasant memories of my Polish grandmother ladling dumplings from a boiling pot of water in Chicago. The Russian Pelmeni were similar, but filled with meat and in the shape of large tortellini. The bride kvetched on the kvass, a Slavic non-alcoholic fermented beverage made from rye bread, but I enjoyed its unique flavor, finding it slightly sweet and reminiscent of the malt-based sodas of Iceland. A key culinary item missing from Brama's oeuvre is vodka, but they compensate with locale-appropriate beers and wines. Similar to many of the restaurants I've reviewed lately, the menu on Brama's website irritatingly does not correlate with the far deeper and more interesting menu at the table. As a web-oriented individual living in a web-oriented world, I find this common oversight odd, akin to shooting yourself in the foie gras.

Housed in an oddly-located strip mall north of Lowe's, I initially worried about Brama's success. But upon post-visit digestion and deep thought, the odd location works. You don't drive down Burnet Road with a backseat of hungry kids and yelp, "Oh look: Eastern European food! Let's eat there!" Brama's clientele is destination oriented, specifically seeking the flavors beyond yesteryear's Iron Curtain. The service is friendly and attentive at this family-owned and operated restaurant. Regardless of your heritage, it's well worth exploring its varied menu.

Brama: 3301 Steck Avenue, (512) 579-0880; www.bramarestaurant.com

Ooga Booga Waffles

Breakfast is my favorite meal, but sadly I don't often eat it (barring the soul-cleansing smoothies the bride makes me during the work week). So my heart beats aflutter at the four most beautiful words in the world: "Breakfast Served All Day." Ooga Booga sizzles up stuffed waffles, so breakfast is literally baked into every meal. Nonetheless, the owner initially only served breakfast-themed fillings in the morning hours until clientele demanded all-day morning fare.

An order at Ooga Booga consists of two stacked waffles that, through the miracle of Pflugerville cast-iron engineering, are miraculously held together with side waffle leaving an ample gap for your desired filling. The final product is quartered and delivered to your trailer-side table with maple syrup or a house-made dipping sauce.

The Monte Cristo stuffed waffle conjured at Ooga Booga Waffles (photo by Robert Mace)

The Ooga Boogians perfectly cook the waffles with crunchy exteriors and soft warm interiors. The Egg and Bacon Waffle (buttermilk waffle stuffed with egg, bacon, and cheddar cheese; $9) served with a side of what appeared to be real maple syrup tasted as expected: egg and bacon with waffle, but conveniently fingerfooded between the waffle. The much more ambitious Monte Cristo Waffle (turkey, ham, cheese and blueberry jam; $9 served with blueberry sauce) was a delightful fusion of savory and sweet with a purplish-blue hue. Other offerings include the Breakfast Waffle Taco, Sausage Tomato Waffle, Chicken In Waffles, and a Waffle Relleno, among others, including dessert waffles. On one visit, a

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61st Allandale 4th of July Parade and Festivities

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Plus Grocery, Top Notch Hamburgers, Sorrento's Drive-thru, Easy Tiger, Frontier Bank of Texas, Amy's Ice Creams on Burnet, Taco Shack, Bentley Insurance Agency, Mighty Swell, District Kitchen+Cocktails, Little Woodrow's Burnet, Fidelio Dog Works, Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, Tacodeli, Terra Toys, H-E-B, Cover-3, Jack Allen's Kitchen Anderson Lane, Santa Rita Cantina, High 5, La Mancha Tex Mex Tavern, CC West Printing, Thompson Salinas Londergan LLP, and Toybrary Austin. Thank you to the many generous Allandale neighbors that offered their talent, time and funds as well.

The ANA booth, set up at the festival, was a constant buzz of new membership signups and those who couldn't wait to get their hands on the new Allandale T-shirt. Speaking of the Allandale T-shirt, did you miss the opportunity to get one? Email allandalesocial@gmail.com and place your order. Shirts are $15.

The Social Committee is already back to work planning future events. Have ideas? The committee wants to hear from you! Email us at allandalesocial@gmail.com

Editor's Note: This was my 17th 4th of July at the Allandale parade, and it was by far the best! The parade itself grows each year and I personally love to see the friendly float competition between streets. I know, I know, Yellowpine and Silverleaf started it all. We give you that credit! The energy and fun at the end of the route at the Gullett fields, was something special! I loved that neighbors hung around. I had a lot more time to talk to a lot more people than in past years, because everyone wanted to stay! Brava to Heather and the rest of the social committee for jumping in and making something great even greater! We all appreciate the energy many people put into it!

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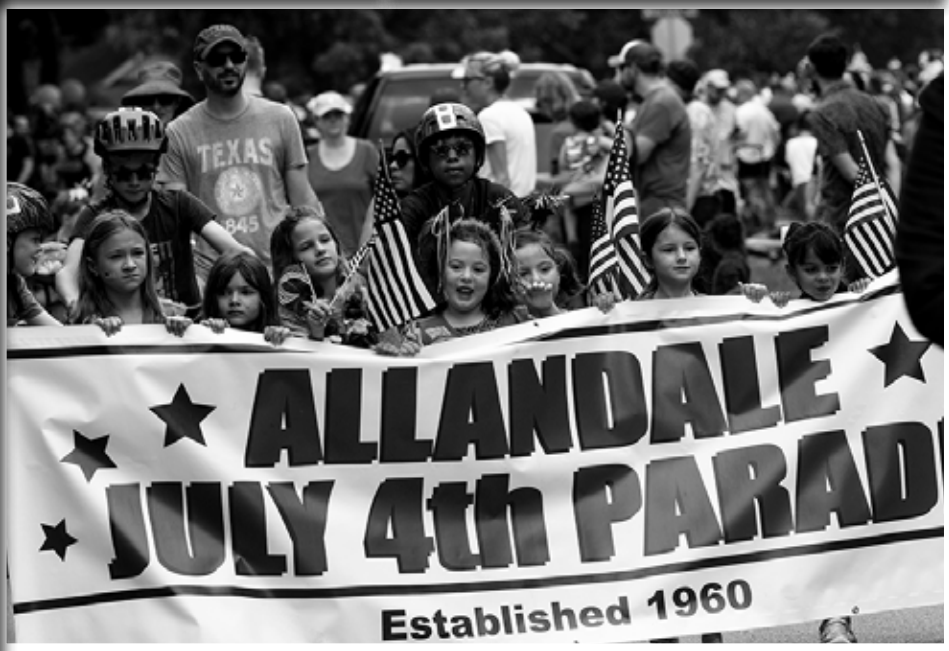

More Allandale Eating - Quick Bites

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customer asked what the worst thing they had tried to stuff a waffle with. The answer? Mac and cheese. We all agreed that a mac-n-cheese stuffed waffle actually sounded ratty good, but the thermodynamics of waffle roasting pulled the cheese into the breading, leaving unsavory naked noodles in the middle.

Ooga Booga, conceived by Samara Green, Lizzy Markman, Micah Green, and Logan Trussell, started as a pop-up concept at Kitty Cohen's, an eastside bar, before debuting at 5000 Burnet Road as a trailer. The name purportedly sources from an ancestor (Ooga Booga Estes) who, family legend has it, invented the bow and arrow (we will take that with a grain of buttermilk…). Because Ooga Booga uses fresh ingredients (I saw Logan working a giant bowl of blueberries on one visit), fillings are similarly fresh and seasonal. If you wanna get stuffed and pay homage to the inventor of the bow and arrow, Ooga Booga is the trailer to hunt for. And watch out when you type their name into a search engine: my checker insists that the correct spelling is Olga Boogaloos!

Ooga Booga Waffles: 5000 Burnet Road; www.oogaboogawaffles.com

To see these photographs, and additional ones, in color, please visit www.austinwanderlist.com/blog ⌘

Gullett Good News

Gwynne Ellen Ash

It may seem hard to believe, but back-to-school is just around the corner. The first day of school for Gullett Elementary Geckos will be Tuesday, August 20 (first bell rings at 7:35am, tardy bell at 7:45am), with two important events launching the new school year.

At the Gecko Kickoff, Thursday, August 15, students will have a chance to come to the school and learn their classroom teacher assignments, as well as visit their new classrooms, and play with their new classmates. At 5:00 p.m., the Kickoff will feature food trucks, and families are encouraged to picnic. The ceremony (including teacher assignments) begins at 5:30 p.m.

Gussy Up Gullet, on Saturday, August 17, is the big campus cleanup where kids and grown-ups prepare for a new school year. Bring gloves and pruners if you have them. Gussy Up-ers will meet at the big playground at 9:00 a.m.

After you drop off your Pre-K or Kindergarten child on the first day of school (between 7:35 and 7:45am!), you should be sure to stop by the cafeteria for Tea and Tissues (and comforting words) with Principal Tisha Brown (7:45 - 8:15 a.m.).

Premiering in the 2019-20 school year, the Konstella online network will be the site for most school communications. See https://www.konstella.com/cd/RXZ8I7 for more details.

To gear up for the new school year, the Gullett PTA has decided to start off the Gecko Fund with a bang! Any donation received by September 30 will receive a FREE bumper sticker. To donate, go to www.gullettgeckos.com/fundraising-pta. The Gecko Fund helps support the additional programs and resources that the Gullett community values.

Gullett is also excited to announce the re-launch of Partners in Education (PIE).

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Finally, mark your calendars for the Gullett Carnival on Saturday, November 2. More details to come in the October newsletter.

Thank you for supporting Gullett Elementary, our school in the heart of Allandale!

Important Dates for Geckos

- Gecko Kick Off, Thursday, August 15, 5:30 p.m.
- Gussy Up Gullett, Saturday, August 17, 9:00 a.m.
- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, Tuesday, August 20, 7:35 a.m.
- Tea and Tissues (for parents of Pre-K and K students), Tuesday, August 20, 7:45 - 8:15 a.m.
- Gullett Carnival, Saturday, November 2, TBA

For more information, always go to https://gullettgeckos.com/

All About Lamar

Rick

Hello Scotties! To all rising seventh- and eighth-graders, welcome back, and welcome to Lamar to all the incoming sixth -graders! I am new to this role and to Lamar, as my daughter is a sixth-grader this year. I hope that we can all learn about this great middle school together.

This year, school starts on Tuesday, August 20. The day at Lamar begins at 8:25 a.m. and students are released at 3:40 p.m. However, students can arrive as early as 7:30 a.m. Expect a packed day of learning and relearning bell schedules, classes, locker numbers, and a host of other important facts, although I am sure that our students will also take the time to catch up with old friends and likely make some new ones along the way.

One of the ways we can catch up and learn about Lamar is the upcoming Back-to-School Night, which will be held at Lamar on September 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. The night should provide an opportunity for families to experience their student's classrooms, chat with teachers and administrators, and see some of the opportunities that allow families and students the chance to engage with Lamar. This promises to be an informative and fun event.

Speaking of fun events, Lamar just finished transition camps for incoming sixth-graders. The new sixth-graders who were able to attend had a great time sitting through introductory classes and touring the school with the help of a great group of school educators as well as several student volunteers. The incoming students received a few handouts that will be helpful before the start of the school year. One handout outlines the school supply list for this year. To see a comprehensive list, head over to the Lamar Middle School Community Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/LamarMS), where they have this and many other bits of timely information.

This year at Lamar is going to be great. However, it is even better when families volunteer. There are many volunteer opportunities this year at Lamar. The best place to find volunteer opportunities is at http://www.lamarmiddleschool.org/volunteer-opportunities. A close review of the site reveals that they can always use administrative help in the office and the library. There are also opportunities to work on various committees as well as working at certain yearly events. One opportunity that could be a great fit is through Austin Partners in Education. APIE provides several ways that community members can help in Austin's schools. More information on APIE can be found on their website at https://www.austinpartners.org/.

Though the beginning of a school year can be an exciting and fun time, it can also be stressful for families as well as for our

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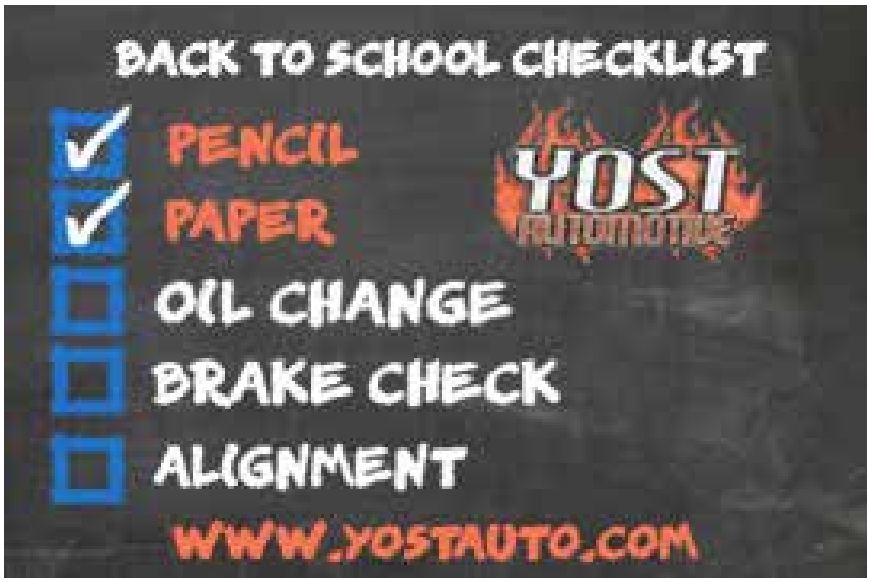

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kids. Remember to reach out to your network or the counselors at Lamar if you need any support. We are all on this ride together.

Welcome back! ⌘

It's Knight Time – McCallum Updates

Kristin Knifton

As the students and faculty of McCallum High School prepare to start the 66th school year since Mac opened, let's take a moment to congratulate the 2019 graduates! We wish them well in all of their endeavors. We are also welcoming the new principal, Ms. Brandi Hosack, as well as several new teachers.

Mac students are on the go! This past summer, several McCallum student groups traveled abroad through Education First Educational Tours. Ms. Carrasco (social studies teacher) organized a trip to Tanzania, where students worked with the charity, "Me to We" and were able to tour the country. Mr. Anderson (social studies teacher) led not one, but two groups to Asia this summer! The first trip was to Southeast Asia, including Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand, and the second to cities in China, including Beijing, Xi'An, and Shanghai. Students always report these experiences as being life-changing. Mac is lucky to have teachers who provide these exciting experiences for students!

The first day of classes for Mac will be August 20. As of the date of publication for this newsletter, orientation and schedule changes have already occurred. If your child needs assistance and missed those dates, please contact your child's counselor. Info can be found on the counselors' website: www.maccounselors.com.

Fall is a great time to catch high school sports. Football games under the Friday night lights (or sometimes Thursdays!) are always a good time, plus you will get to see the award-winning MAC marching band and Blue Brigade performing at half-time. This year's homecoming game will be a little early, on September 13 at House Park, against Glenn High School. Stay tuned for details about the homecoming dance. Volleyball is also a fun fall sport to enjoy, and the cross-country track and swim team seasons will also kick off! Please check the online calendar for an updated schedule and information for all sports: https://mccallumhs.com/events-calendars/

If fine arts is more your thing, mark your calendar now for the 2019-2020 Mac Theatre schedule (mactheatre.com)! First up is the musical "Jekyll and Hyde," with shows running the last two weekends in September. You can also catch an orchestra performance, classical guitar or band concert, dance or choir performance, or even a visual arts show. To get the latest schedule information, visit the Fine Arts Academy webpage at https://mccallumhs.com/fine-arts-academy/.

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zone is one of the broadest in AISD. The zone goes from East Austin, through Brentwood, Allandale, and Highland Park, and all the way out 2222 to City Park Road. This means that we have a richness of diversity unlike any other high school in AISD. With this diversity also comes diversity of income levels. The PTSA committee MACares assists students and families in the McCallum vertical team experiencing economic hardship or family challenges that may impact school success. Currently the committee is collecting gift cards to HEB or Target in $10 - 20 denominations. If you would like to help, please drop these off at the school's front office or mail to McCallum High School, attention PTSA/MACares, 5600 Sunshine Drive, Austin, TX 78756.

Important Dates

August 20 – first day of classes
August 24 through August 31 – Mac Book Fair at Book People. Required reading for classes available and 20% of all purchases (not just course-required books) qualify to benefit the PTSA.
August 29 – Taco Shack Bowl (MAC vs. Anderson @ House Park)
Sept. 2 – student and staff holiday
Sept. 4 – Back-to-School Night (meet your child's teachers)
Sept. 6 – football @ Lehman
Sept. 13 – football versus Glenn HS @ House Park (Homecoming)
Sept. 19-22 – Jekyll and Hyde (musical theatre)
Sept. 19 – football versus LBJ
Sept. 26-29 – Jekyll and Hyde (musical theatre)
October 4 – football @ Dripping Springs
October 11 – football versus Lanier @ House Park
October 14 – student holiday/staff development
October 18 – football @ Seguin
October 25 – football versus Reagan
October 31 – football versus Crockett
November 7 – football versus Travis

To get more frequent updates about MAC happenings, you may check the website (mccallumhs.com), subscribe to the MacKnightly e-newsletter (link on website), follow the award-winning Mac Journalism department online at macshieldonline.com, or follow Mac Journalism on Instagram.

Neighborhood Watch

Laura DiCarlo, ANA Safety Chair, lhdicarlo@yahoo.com

Since the writing of the June Neighborhood Watch article, the ANA's Safety Committee has monitored crime statistics and the listserve, cleaned up graffiti, participated in a Baker community engagement meeting, and attended a meeting on homelessness (see separate article on homelessness). By the time the October newsletter hits doorsteps National Night Out (NNO) party will have already occurred.

Crime stats

There was one burglary of residences (BOR) in June -– credit cards, documents, and negotiable instruments were stolen from a home as well as a vehicle on Daugherty Street. There were no BORs listed on krimelabb.com for July, but a resident reported to her street and on Nextdoor on July 27 that someone entered an unlocked laundry room in a carport at McElroy and Great Northern Boulevard in the middle of the night. Clothes were taken out of the dryer but nothing appeared to be stolen.

There were 10 Burglary of Vehicles (BOV), and one attempted in June, and four in July. The ones in June were at Northwest Recreation Center and on Stardust Drive, Bull Creek Road, the 7800 block of Shoal Creek Boulevard, Strass Drive, the 5400 block of Woodview Avenue, Fresco Drive, Placid Place, and Daugherty Street. July's were at the U-Haul on Burnet Road, Lawnmont Avenue, the strip mall at 2525 W. Anderson Lane, and the 7000 block of SCB. In most of the cases clothes, purses/wallets, tools or electronics were stolen.

There was another credit card skimming incident on July 5 at the Chevron at Rockwood Lane and Anderson Road, so I suggest any time you get gas there pay inside. Someone on Nextdoor said you can get an app to recognize skimmers, but it's unclear as to whether it works well.

During June and July, an attempted robbery with a deadly weapon occurred at 2525 W. Anderson Lane, a theft of auto took place at 5350 Burnet Road, Twin Liquors was burglarized, a man was arrested for punching a police officer at 5808 Burnet Road, and there were 22 incidents of theft/theft by shoplifting on Burnet Road, 2525 W. Anderson Lane, SCB, and W. North Loop Blvd.

Listserve and Nextdoor

- Discussions related to crime and safety since the beginning of June included:

- Lots of discussion about SCB and Burnet Road and whether proposed changes the city is exploring will be desirable and safer or more dangerous and detrimental.
- Reports of scam calls to lower credit card rate and web host agents from NYC.
- Circulated information and photos of a man with a backpack caught on security cameras in nearby neighborhoods suspected of BOVs in Allandale and elsewhere; Officer Ellis and Detective Jewett involved.
- Several posts on cars ransacked but nothing taken after BOV on Woodview Avenue, posted June 14.
- Discussion on Nextdoor about a key fob on the market for $30 perpetrators can use to unlock any car.
- 10 Windows were broken at Brentwood Elementary and the principal is asking folks to call AISD police at (512) 414-1703 if they see anything suspicious or have information about the damage that has apparently been done by rocks and BBs.
- Loose dog attack in Crestview; discussion about communication and owner responsibility good to keep in mind in Allandale.
- Report on Nextdoor July 23 of a possible attempted break-in on Northland Drive that may be related to the BOV on Lawnmont Avenue; late teen/early 20s white male caught on a surveillance camera but was unable to enter the home.
- Discussion on Nextdoor about folks experiencing homelessness.
- A scam reported in which people obtain information about a rental and create a fake ad on Craigslist, take money from unsuspecting victims, and sometimes even gain access to the property. Many people responded that this had happened to them or they

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Neighborhood Watch

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knew of it happening in Austin, as well as in other cities. At the end of the lengthy discussion, someone posted sage advice –- use an Austin Board of Realtors-approved business member if you want to rent a house or apartment; verify a listing you see on Craig's List with other realtor sites; if rent is below market value, be wary it's a scam; and never send money without seeing the property first.

Safety Committee Activities

- Received an alert from an Allandale resident about a sex offender on Ardath Street and notified NW Park pool official Bob Floyd; Officer Ellis is aware of and keeping an eye on Mr. Hicks, who spends time on Burnet Lane with his wife and was registered on Ardath because he was identified sleeping in that area one time.
- Used the 311 app to report graffiti then cleaned it up on the Far West pedestrian bridge, in front of the post office, in front of Midtown Apartments, and on stop signs on Carlisle Drive and Ardath Street.
- Been in contact with Juan Espinoza at the city to give feedback on the 311 app GPS glitches when using at NW Park and the retention pond.
- Communicated with APD community liaison Veronica Saldate about first responders advertising the 311 app during NNO visits.
- Attended the July 23 Baker Community Meeting at Glad Tidings Austin.
- Sent a picture to block captains of a man caught on a home security camera trying car door handles on Twin Oaks Drive.
- Received 2 gift cards from Cover 3 to use for NNO.
- Met with our DR and a shop owner at Allandale Village
- Requested that the city install a temporary Dynamic Speed Display Device (DSDD) on SCB by Treadwell Boulevard, after a board member saw the one at Pecos and Scenic; have been told by the city it will take 1.5 years to install instead of the original 8-10 weeks quoted because demand has skyrocketed as residents see them around town.

National Night Out

NNO will take place on Tuesday, October 1. According to the COA website, NNO is designed to "heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations, (and) send a message to criminals letting them know that neighbors are organized and fighting back." On the first Tuesday of every October in Austin (the national one is in August but it's too hot in Austin in August) residents are encouraged to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors, and spend the evening outside at events such as block parties, cook-outs and neighborhood walks. Police officers, firefighters, paramedics, etc. are a part of the festivities. Past hosts have already received a registration form so that they can have fire trucks and other personnel/activities at their outdoor events that night.

NNO registration goes until September 15. There is no kick-off event this year but the first 50 to register will receive a free goodie bag and T-shirt for their party.

Please contact your block captain if you would like to help with this event on your street, or go to http://www.austintexas.gov/nno for more information or to register.

Let me know if you have questions, concerns, or if you are interested in getting involved with the safety committee. You can become a block captain, help remove graffiti, patrol, help plan and run the Take 10 CPR training this February, and more!

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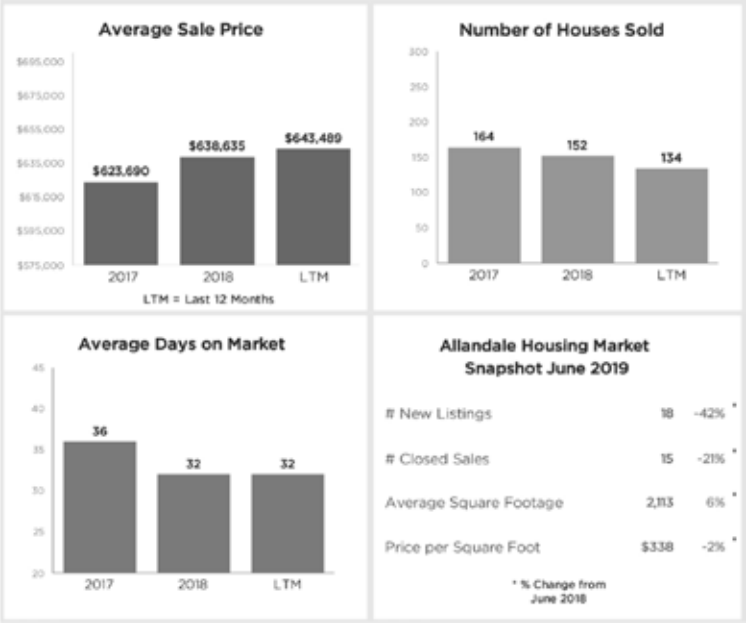
Allandale Real Estate Roundup

Debbie Trominski, REALTOR, Broker Associate

Holy cow, we did it! More specifically my daughter did it; she's about to enter high school at McCallum. It seems like a flash, but we moved to Allandale 14 years ago from East Austin before she learned to walk because we wanted her to attend Gullett for her elementary school years. Gullett is a sweet memory in the rear-view mirror and now Lamar is too for her. When we came to Allandale, another important reason was to grow our family, which we did within our first year of living here with our second daughter who's currently at Lamar. Back then it wasn't possible to fathom sending our babies to middle school or high school, so it's been a pure delight to have landed in a neighborhood where all the schools are superb and so close by. For my girls, an extra bonus is that both Lamar and McCallum are Fine Arts Academies, since they inherited artistic and engineering talent from their architect dad. While Allandale has been a huge aspect of providing a great childhood experience for my kids, it's also been doing wonders for Mom and dad. As Austin has grown and our idyllic neighborhood has found itself even more ideally located, perfectly sandwiched between downtown and the Domain, our property values have done very well. Even while we were here during the 2008 downturn, Allandale held its own. I mean, large lots, charming mid-century architecture, bike lanes, an enormous park and pool, heritage trees and great schools. Nothing is missing. We even have the best selection of tacos and Mexican food surrounding us on three sides. The proof is in the real estate market stats.



Listing inventory for single-family homes in Allandale is currently at about 1.8 months, which reflects a shortage and strong seller's market. For reference, a "balanced" market typically has a four- to six-month inventory of available, active listings.

The Average Days on Market for the past rolling 12-month average was 32 days, the same figure as the average for 2018 and four days less 2017's average of 36 days. For additional context, the Austin Metro Area average for this same time period was 57 days on market.

The number of sales for the past 12 months (134) was lower than 2018's total of 152, an 11.8% drop and 18.3% lower than 2017's total of 164 sales.

The average sales price in Allandale for the past 12 months is up slightly to $643,489 from 2018's average of $638,635 and 3.2% higher than the average sales price of $623,690 in 2017. ⌘

A Treasured Historic Site in Allandale Needs Our Help

Paulette Kern

Many of you have seen the sign at Northwest Park near the pool about the area being part of the Davis family land grant, settled in 1841. What you may not know is that the Davis Family Cemetery faces on Vine Street, between Twin Oaks Drive and Cavileer Avenue, and happens to share a chain link fence with my back yard. It is a neighborhood treasure!

When Jack and I purchased our home in 1976, the cemetery was covered in brush, and so in need of cleaning and repair that one had to look really hard to see a tombstone. We knew it was a cemetery only because our realtor told us in the event that we would not want to live in a house that backed up to a cemetery. Around Thanksgiving of that year, a Statesman reporter wrote an article on the cemetery.

(For more information on the 1976 Statesman article or for a direct link to the August 20, 2006 Allandale Neighborhood Reporter article entitled "One Square Acre … Family Graveyard … Reserved Forever," please contact my husband at jkerncpa@gmail.com.)

What a gift to the neighborhood and the cemetery—descendants of the Davis family read the article and came to check it out! They began maintenance the following month. Over the years, various descendants have mowed, trimmed, repaired tombstones, and kept the bamboo and Ligustrum at bay. The family did a wonderful job contributing to the beauty of our neighborhood for many years. Then, a bit over a year ago, the mowing stopped and the cemetery began being overwhelmed again by bamboo and Ligustrum. It seems the last of the older generation became too aged or ill, and the youngest generation finished college and had families of their own to keep them very busy. Dwight Davis, one of the descendants, wants to get it back into shape but cannot do it alone.

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A Treasured Historic Site in Allandale Needs Our Help

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This spring I began hopping the fence and cutting and digging on the brush and bamboo a few hours at a time. On Memorial Day, Scout Troop 2019's ten young ladies and their troop leaders participated in a work afternoon at the cemetery. The girls were terrific workers as they completed a day of community service.

Though we have made much progress, many hands for several hours might get on top of the issues. So I would like to propose a neighborhood work morning from 8:30 a.m. until noon, Saturday September 7. The bulk of the work will be continued clearing of bamboo and Ligustrum (the Austin Parks foundation will loan us wonderful tools that help in pulling Ligustrum and bamboo). And, we hope, some mowing where we can access with mowers. Bring your tools and gloves and come on over and do some pulling and clipping. It's really fun and you won't have to go to the gym! Let's help restore this treasure!

If you are interested in helping on Sept 7 or at another time, please contact Paulette Kern at paulettekern@sbcglobal.net, or just show up. ⌘

The Importance of Deed Restrictions

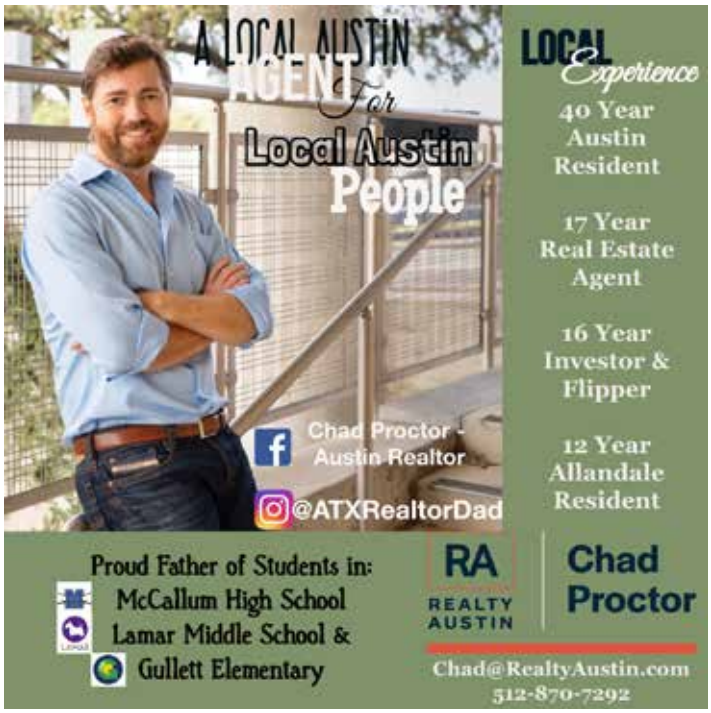
Allan McMurty

Neighbors in Allandale Successfully Defend Deed Restrictions—July 17, 2019

The Allandale Oaks Subdivision (think Cary Drive and Shoal Creek Boulevard for two blocks north of Allandale Road) successfully defended deed restrictions that limited residential dwellings to one single-family residential dwelling per original lot. The lot had been re-subdivided into two lots through the City of Austin approval process. However, a State District Court judge in Austin ruled the deed restrictions valid and imposed a permanent injunction against building a second dwelling on the lot that existed prior to re-subdivision. The ruling also upholds single-family residential use only as well.

The reason the lawsuit was brought was fear of CodeNEXT. The current directions of City Council ask the Planning Department to design the land development code to do the following:

1. Permit Accessory Dwelling units on every lot in Austin (violates single-family residential use deed restrictions)
2. Establish three levels of zones
   a. Transition Areas
      i. One to five lots in from Burnet
      ii. Distance in varies depending on orientation of neighborhood streets
   b. Transition Zones
      i. One half mile into neighborhoods from Burnet
   c. High Opportunity Zones
      i. The entirety of Allandale from 45th Street to Anderson Lane and Mo Pac to Burnet Road
3. Within these zones density is to be increased as prescribed by each category and may include one or more of the following:
   a. All single-family residential structures would be a non-conforming use
      i. Limits will be placed on the ability to add new square footage to the house
      ii. Any tear-down MUST be rebuilt as multi-family
   b. All lots within the zone would be required to have four dwelling units
   c. Lots bigger than 14,500 square feet would be required to have seven dwelling units
   d. Lots sizes could be as small as 1,800 square feet



e. New construction could be as high as 52 feet

The basis for these statements comes from:

1. Draft Version 3 of CodeNEXT
2. City Council directives of April, 2019
3. City Council directives of May, 2019

According to the timeline set by Council, we will see the specifics sometime in October of 2019 for a final vote by City Council in December, 2019.

Allandale has been zoned for Single-Family Residential (SFR) use since 1981 when the then City Council of Austin voted 6-1 and 7-0 on all cases but two to approve that zoning.

Hopefully, the reasoning behind the title of the flyer is now clear. The final version of CodeNEXT will end SFR zoning, creating commercial areas within Allandale and adding up to 50% of the entire neighborhood as multi-family as well.

You have a decision to make. Do you want multi-family development next to you? Do you want land values to increase? Do you want all that parking on the street? Do you think the infrastructure of water, sewage, streets, storm runoff, and emergency vehicles are designed to handle that density? If not, you need to organize to defend your deed restrictions. ⌘

Volunteers Needed for ANA Deed Restriction Website

Scott Ehlers

The Allandale Neighborhood Association has embarked on an exciting project to create a website that ANA members can use to search for deed restrictions on their own property and other properties in the neighborhood. Deed restrictions define how properties can be used, including set-backs from the front and rear of the property, height restrictions, single-family use versus multi-family use, and other restrictions. Deed restrictions "run with the land," and are separate from city zoning.

Much of the deed restriction website has been finished, thanks to the hard work of students from Dr. Caryn Conley's Management Information Systems (MIS) 374 class at the University of Texas at Austin. This past spring, McCombs School of Business students Roshini Saravanakumar, Daniel Miyares, Rachana Jadala, Raza Mustaq Retiwala, and Sunay Nanavati worked with former ANA president Scott Ehlers to create the website structure. The website will be restricted to members of the Allandale Neighborhood Association. Members will be able to download deed restrictions by searching for an address, subdivision name, or by clicking on a particular property on a map. The map is color-coded so users can easily see which properties are in the same subdivision and covered by the same set of deed restrictions. However, the one critical missing link is the deed restrictions themselves, which have to be collected from microfiche at the county clerk's office on Airport Boulevard, or from neighbors who have a copy of their property's deed restrictions.

The ANA is looking for volunteers to submit their property's deed restrictions or go to the county clerk's office to collect deed restrictions for the ANA. There are over 200 subdivisions in Allandale, so this is a big job. Unfortunately, the clerk's office is not open on the weekends, so we need folks who can volunteer on weekdays.

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If you are interested in volunteering or you have a copy of your property's deed restrictions or deed restrictions for other properties, please contact Scott Ehlers at scottehlers@mac.com or (512) 553-9365. ⌘

Subscribe to Allandale's Yahoo! mailing list

We need to keep neighbors in contact with one another.

Send an email to *allandale-subscribe@yahoogroups.com* **to request membership.**

Meet the Austin Ed Fund, Giving Back to AISD for More Than 20 years

Austin Ed Fund Staff

A recognized champion of Austin ISD, Austin Ed Fund was founded in 1993 by a board of community leaders committed to supporting high-quality public education for Austin's students. As AISD has continued to face increased financial pressure endangering its most innovative programming, Austin Ed Fund has taken strategic steps forward to become a proactive, independent fundraising organization. The nonprofit has created numerous initiatives to help Austin ISD schools, teachers, and students, including:

Innovation Grants. Creative funds that are raised from the greater community to have a transformational impact on classrooms and campuses. Since fall 2015, Austin Ed Fund has awarded $200,000 to 47 creative teacher-generated projects in three separate grant cycles.

Student Opportunity Funds. Funds raised to support small campus-based projects to provide educational enhancement for economically disadvantaged students.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). A program focused on the skills needed for navigating life, work, and relationships to all 130 AISD campuses.

In addition, Austin Ed Fund sponsors several programs and projects throughout the year, including the Summer Theatre Series, an AISD-wide series that includes two musicals and a student-written and student-directed performances; Early Childhood Education initiatives, including programs assisting with early childhood development of pre-K and kinder; supporting the upcoming Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen, and much more.

Austin Ed Fund's work is made possible through generous donations and our community's involvement. If you wish to contribute, there are several ways to give back to Austin ISD, such as donating to the nonprofit at www.austinedfund.org/#section-donate or directly to an AISD campus, including Gullett Elementary, Lamar Middle School, and McCallum High School, by visiting www.give.livingtree.com/p/austinisd. It takes a community approach to ensure our children have the opportunity to fulfill their full potential in college, career, and life.

For more information on Austin Ed Fund, please visit www.austinedfund.org or like their page at www.facebook.com/austinedfund. ⌘

Neighbor Spotlight: Passionately Fit

Laura Beck

Christina Muller has been an award-winning athlete since she was 10 years old, even though she comes from a family with a history of obesity. She has devoted 37 years of her life to fitness, well being, and defying genetics! As a fitness trainer in our local area for over 14 years, she has helped many of our neighbors, including schoolteachers at Lamar. Muller recently opened Passionately Fit, a boutique fitness studio near 2222 and Mopac.

The fitness studio was feng shuid before opening to ensure a focus on flow, prosperity and health. According to Muller, the Passionately Fit space is intentionally designed to be a special, clean, positive environment which is inspirational and chock-full of good energy.

Neighbors are welcome to come in to try it out and meet Muller, including having a complimentary first session. She particularly enjoys training seniors, and offers discounts. Hours are by appointment only. Passionately Fit specializes in small co-ed morning classes (6:00, 7:00, 8:00 a.m.) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Passionately Fit is located at 5828 Balcones Drive, Suite 202. For more, go to www.passionatelyfit.net or call (512) 331-1872. ⌘

Allandale Neighborhood Association New or Renewal Membership. Celebrate Allandale: Love It. Protect It.

All residents within Allandale's boundaries are welcome to join the Allandale Neighborhood Association. Annual dues are $20 per household or $10 (over age 55 household). Membership runs January-December. Dues may be paid in advance for multiple years.

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Membership rates: ❑ $20 dues per household ❑ $10 dues per age 55+ household

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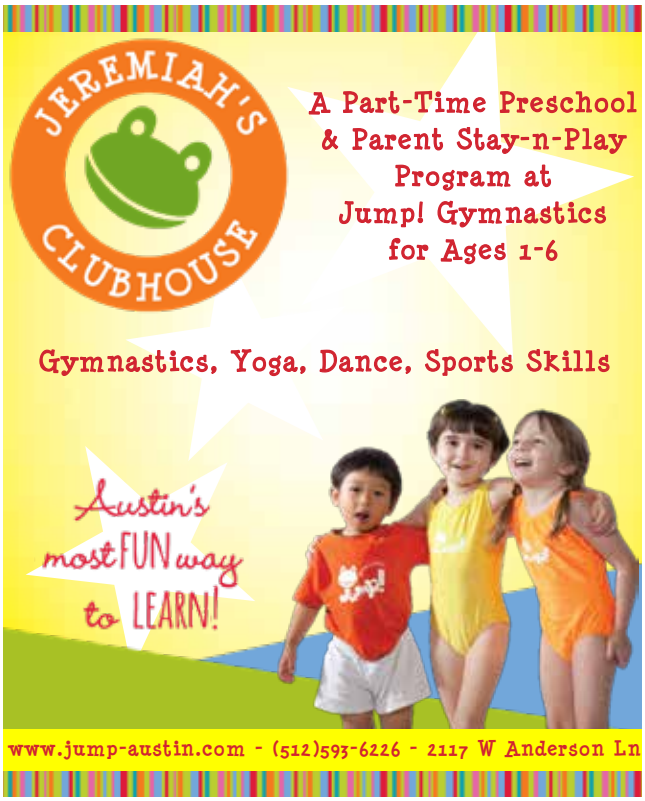
I am willing to serve on the following committees: ❑ Bylaws ❑ Communications ❑ Finance ❑ Memberhip ❑ Nominating ❑ Safety ❑ Zoning and Planning ❑ Other_____



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